

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A control method for a trunking system performing exchange between a wireless unit and the other communication party by means of control signal communication with the wireless unit by use of a control channel, and thereby allowing communication signal communication using a selected telephone communication channel between the wireless unit and the other communication party, the control method comprising the steps of:

when all the telephone communication channels are busy when a new request for the telephone communication channel comes from the wireless unit, performing a telephone communication channel making processing for using the control channel as a telephone communication channel; [[and]]

when the control channel is used as a telephone communication channel, inserting information indicating a usage state of the control channel and a usage state of neighboring channels in an overlapped manner into information transmitted via the downlink communication of the control channel to perform a control channel usage state notifying processing; and

when any of the busy telephone communication channels is released when the control channel is used as a telephone communication channel, performing a control channel shifting processing for setting the released telephone communication channel as a new control channel, and by using all channels, notifying a plurality of the wireless units that the released telephone communication channel currently acts as a new control channel.

2. (Currently Amended) A control method for a trunking system performing exchange between a wireless unit and the other communication party by means of control signal communication with the wireless unit by use of a control channel, and thereby allowing communication signal communication using a selected telephone communication channel between the wireless unit and the other communication party, the control method comprising the steps of:

when all the telephone communication channels are busy when a new request for the telephone communication channel comes from the wireless unit, performing a telephone communication channel making processing for using the control channel as a telephone communication channel; [[and]]

when the control channel is used as a telephone communication channel, inserting information indicating a usage state of the control channel and a usage state of neighboring channels in an overlapped manner into information transmitted via the downlink communication of the control channel to perform a control channel usage state notifying processing; and

when any of the busy telephone communication channels is released when the control channel is used as a telephone communication channel, performing a control channel shifting processing for causing communication performing transmission/reception to/from the wireless unit by use of the control channel to be shifted to the released telephone communication channel, and releasing the control channel so as to be able to be used for transmission and reception of the control signal.

3. (Currently Amended) The control method for a trunking system according to claim 1 or 2, wherein when the control channel is used as a telephone communication channel, ~~a control channel usage state notifying processing is performed which incorporates into a telephone communication signal transmitted/received by use of the control channel, information indicating the availability of the telephone communication channel currently used as the control channel, and performs transmission the control~~

channel usage state notifying processing is performed for a wireless unit which is scanning the control signal, thereby not causing a useless scanning by the wireless unit.